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SUBJECT: U.S. TRSB MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM (MLS) AND ICAO ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL (AWOD) MEETING, MONTREAL, APRIL 4-21

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON SALIM MAKKI, DRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO EXPRESS POINTS MADE IN REFTEL, STRESSING THAT SELECTION BETWEEN U.S. AND BRITISH MLS SHOULD BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR TECHNICAL MERITS. ACCORDING TO MAKKI, BRITISH HAVE NOT APPROACHED FOREIGN MIN-ISTRY TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR DOPTION OF DOPPLER MLS. MOREOVER, HE SAID AS WEATHER HAS NEVER BEEN A PROBLEM AT SEEB AIRPORT AT MUSCAT THE OMAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED AT THE MOMENT. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED HIS THANKS AT BEING IN-FORMED OF THE MATTER AND PROMISED TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE APPRO-PRIATE OFFICIALS IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA). EMBASSY URGED THAT OMAN BE REPRESENTED, BUT MAKKI INFORMED EMBASSY 3/29 THAT OMAN WOULD NOT ATTEND. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) IS WORKING WITH THE DGCA AS PART OF A TECHNICAL ASSITANCE PROGRAM. FAA HERE HAS KEPT THE DGCA FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE TECH-NICAL DETAILS OF THE U.S. MLS. AS MOSTEXPERTISE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO DGCA IS EITHER U.S. OR BRITISH, FAA BELIEVES OMAN PREFERS TO DEFER TO THE EXPERTISE OF OTHERS ATTENDING THE

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